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Win

fantastic Thomas prizes in our competition on page 23!

Don't miss our special Thomas Hallowe'en poster on the back cover!

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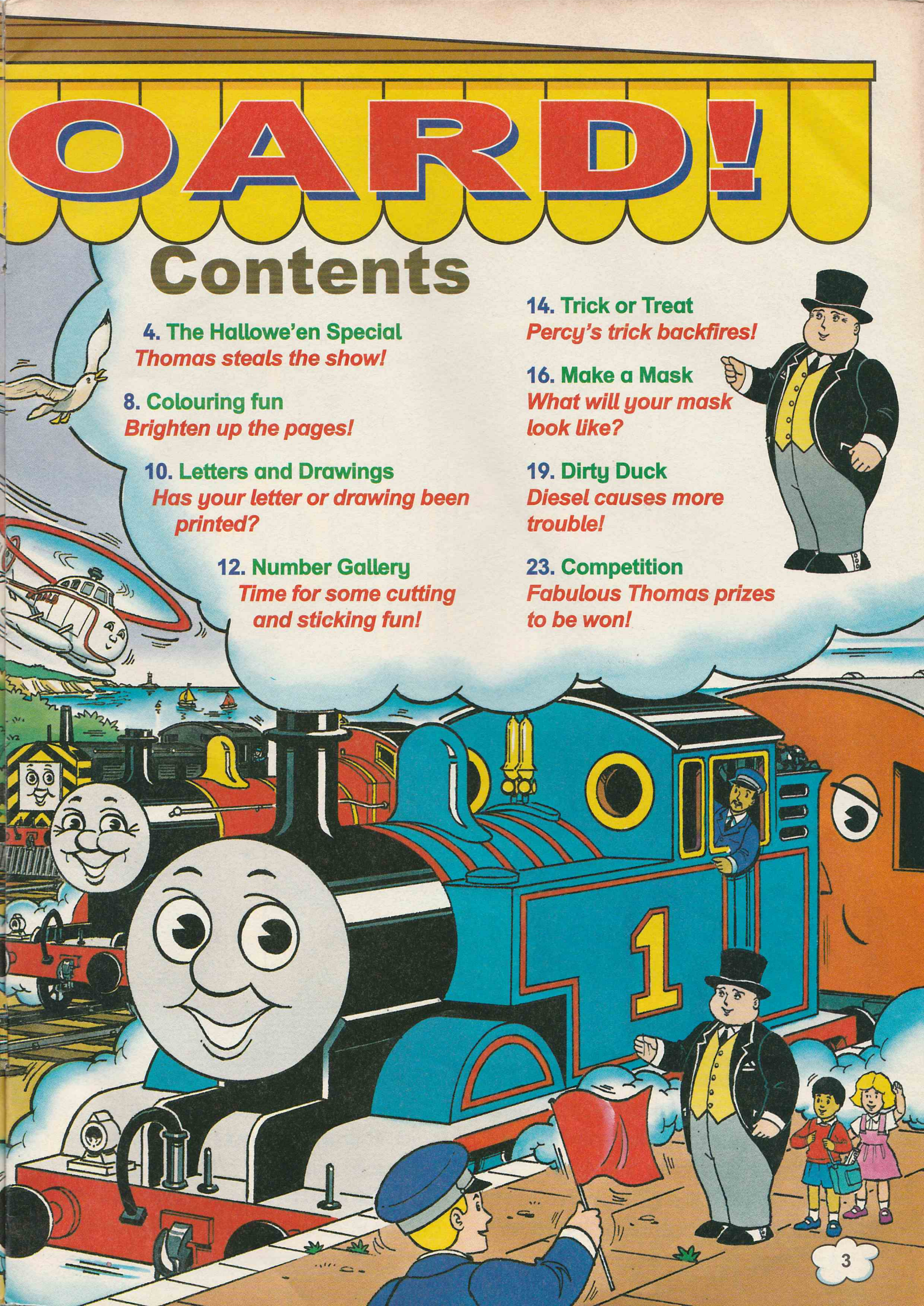

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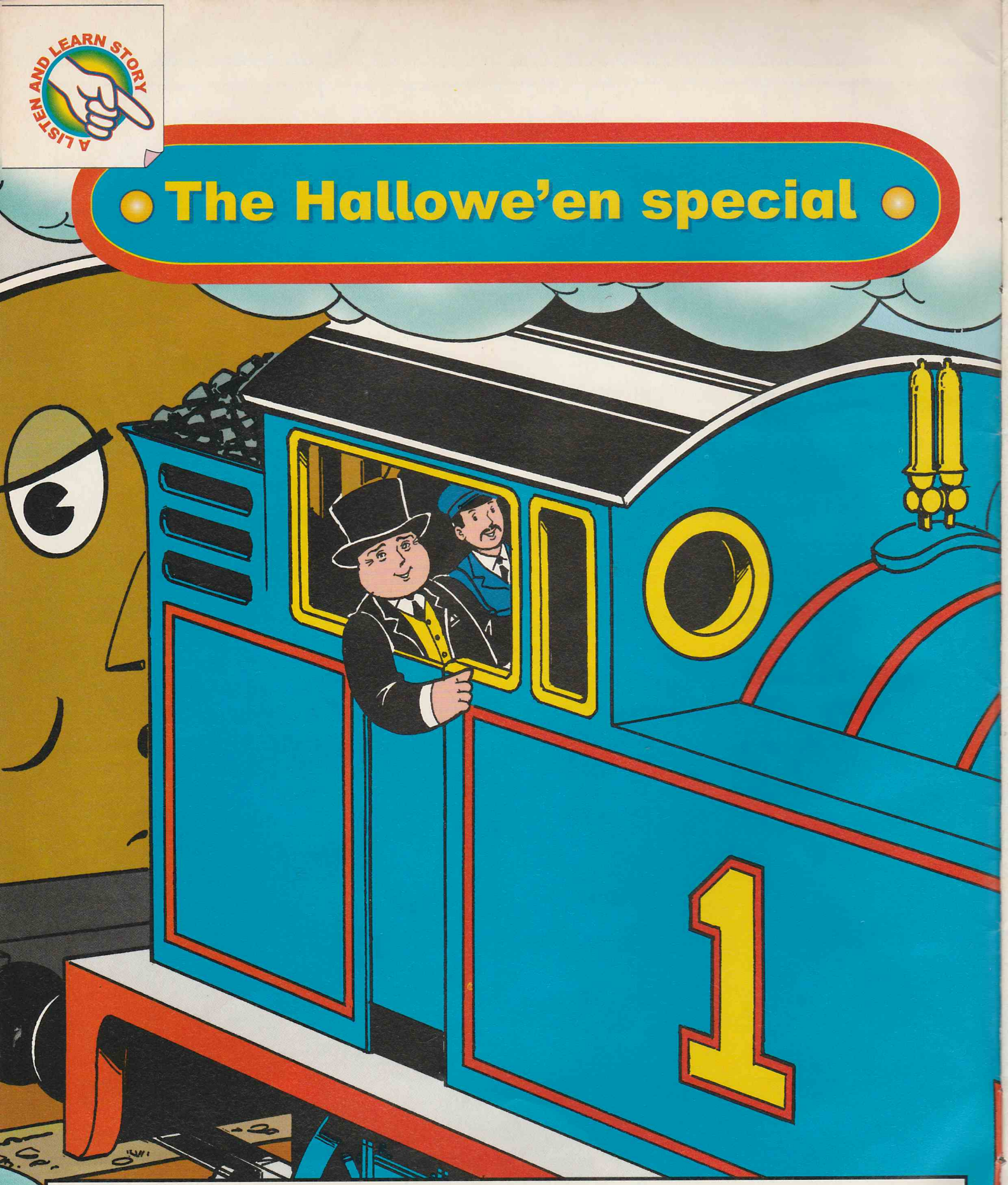
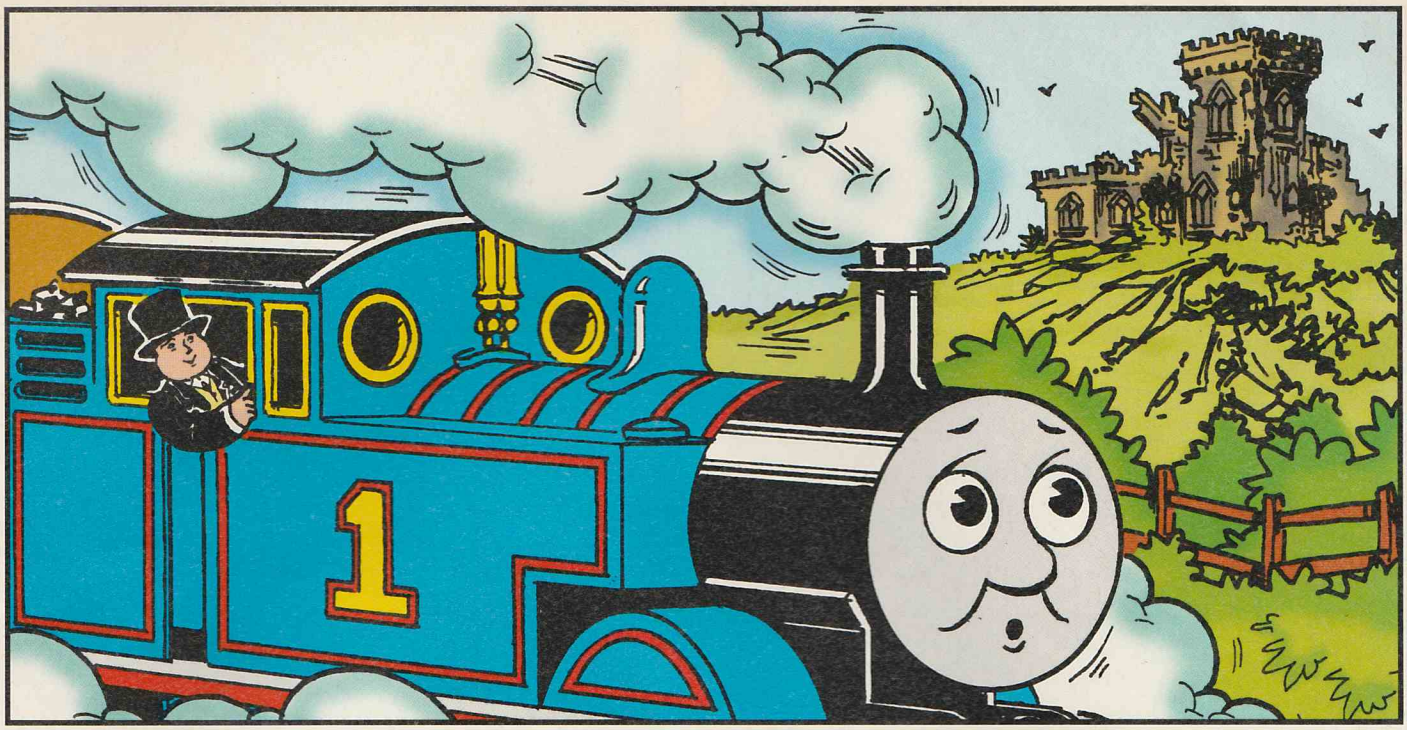
The Hallowe'en special



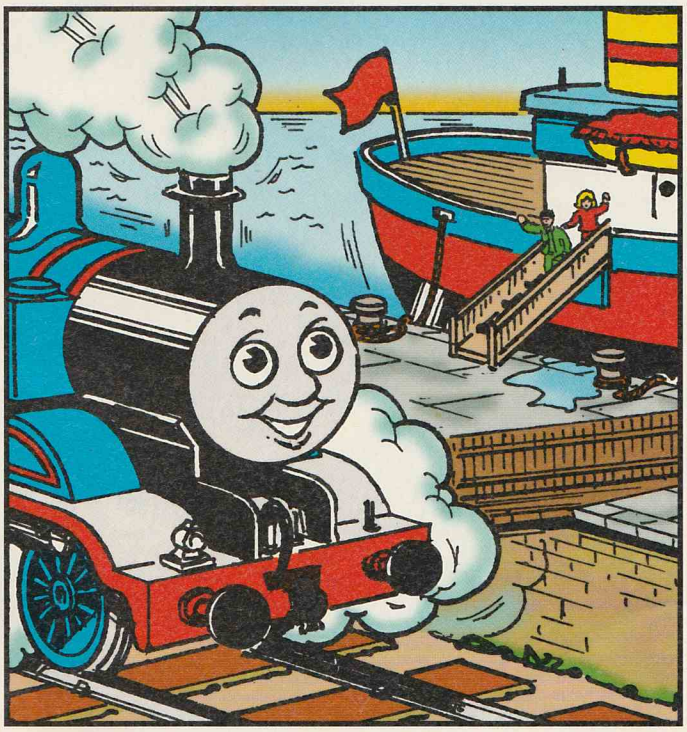
1. Each day, Thomas pulled the morning passenger train on his branch line. One day, he was surprised when the Fat Controller climbed into the cab with his driver.

2. "I'll be riding with you today," he said. "I wonder why?" thought Thomas, setting off. But near one of his stations, Thomas had to pull up and wait at a signal.



3. Close by stood an old ruined castle. "I'm sorry about the delay, Sir!" called Thomas. "You couldn't have stopped at a better place!" replied the Fat Controller.

4. "It's just what I was looking for," he told the driver. Thomas was very puzzled indeed. "If you ask me, it seems a bit creepy," he thought. "I don't understand."

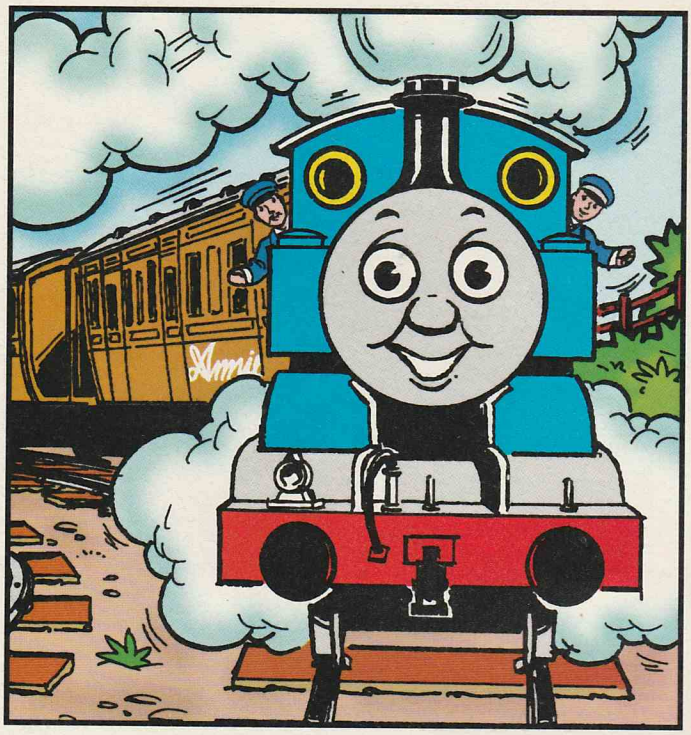


5. The next week, Thomas went to the Big Harbour. He met Stephen and Bridget, the Fat Controller's grandchildren, who were arriving from the mainland.

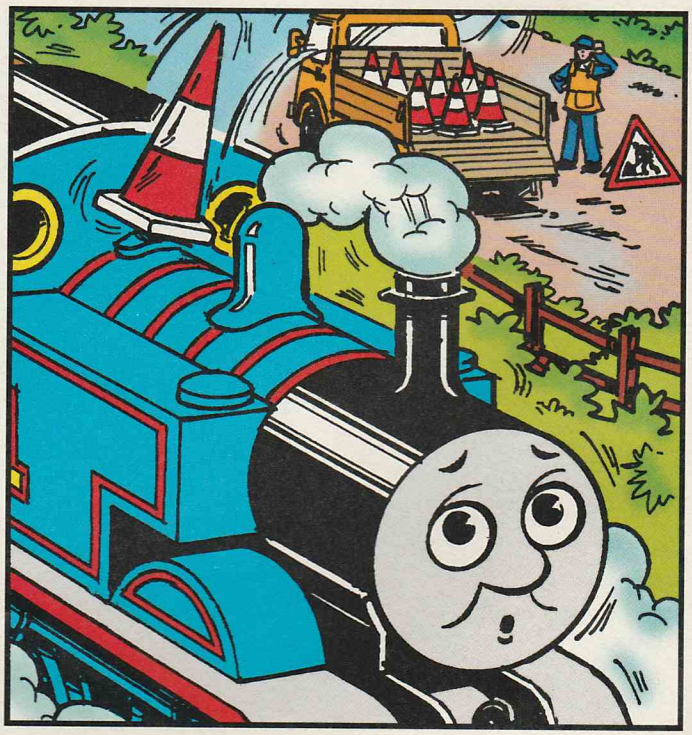
6. They were coming to stay with the Fat Controller and Lady Hatt. "We can't wait for the Hallowe'en party!" they told Thomas's driver. "What's that?" asked Thomas.

7. "Hallowe'en is just before Guy Fawkes Night, on the eve of All Saints Day," explained his driver. "All the party-goers will dress up in special costumes!"

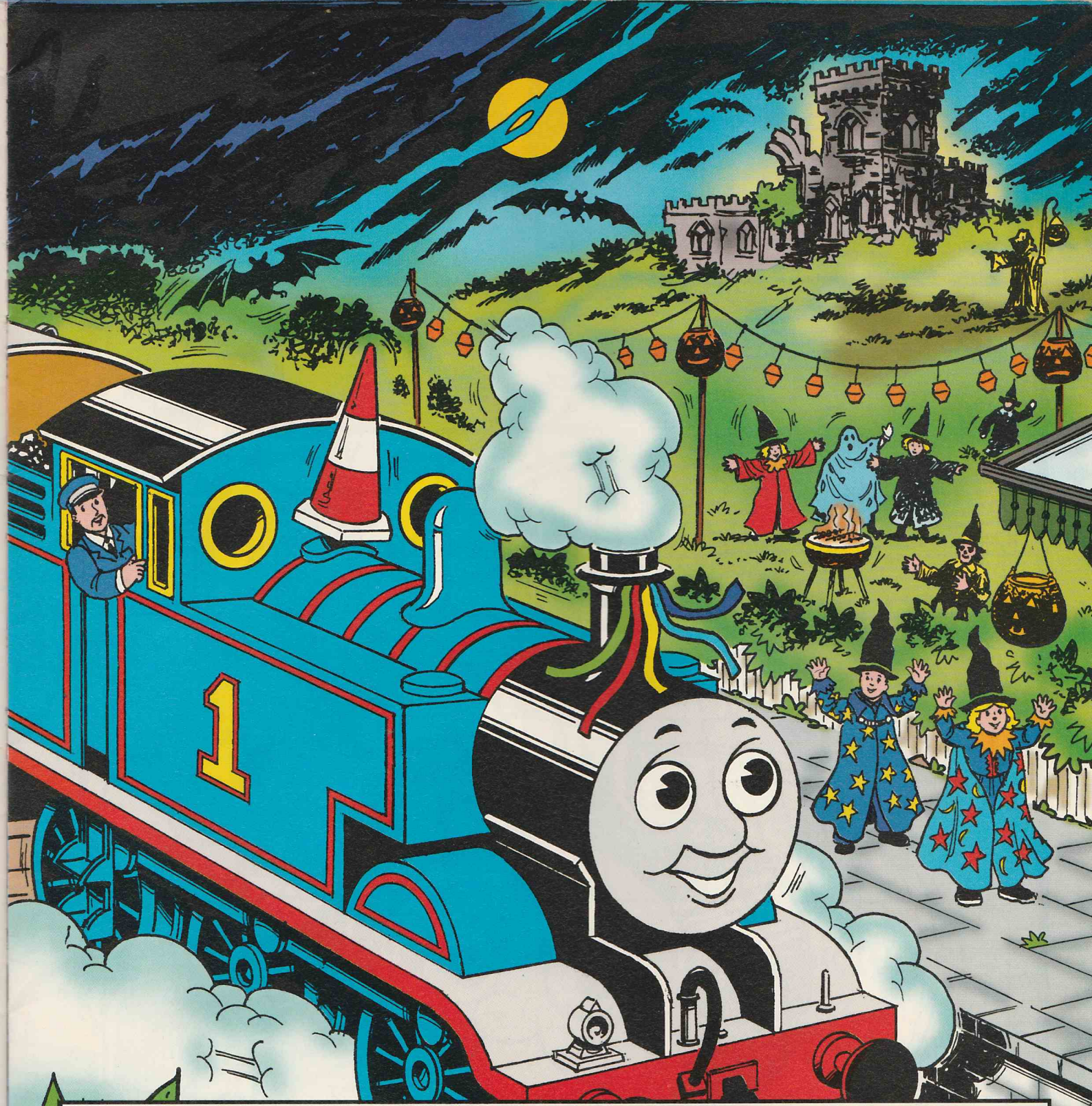
8. The Fat Controller arranged everything for the party. He told Thomas to take everyone there. Stephen and Bridget wore starry cloaks and tall, pointy hats.



9. "I wish I could dress up!" said Thomas. It was windy as he hurried along his branch line. He picked up lots of passengers, all wearing funny masks and clothes.

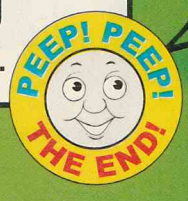


10. By the track, Thomas saw some men mending the road. Suddenly, a traffic cone blew off their lorry. It landed on Thomas's whistle. "It's stuck!" he cried.



11. "We can't stop now," Thomas's driver replied, "we'll return the cone later!" The passengers were very surprised when Thomas pulled into the next station. "Now you have a pointed hat, Thomas!" laughed Stephen and Bridget, getting out to look. Some paper streamers were tied to Thomas's funnel too.

12. "Next stop, the station by the castle," called his driver. When Thomas arrived, it was getting dark. Outside the ruins hung pumpkin lanterns, and there was a big barbecue. "What better place for a Hallowe'en party!" smiled Thomas. "What better engine than a 'Hallowe'en Special' to bring us!" said Stephen and Bridget.



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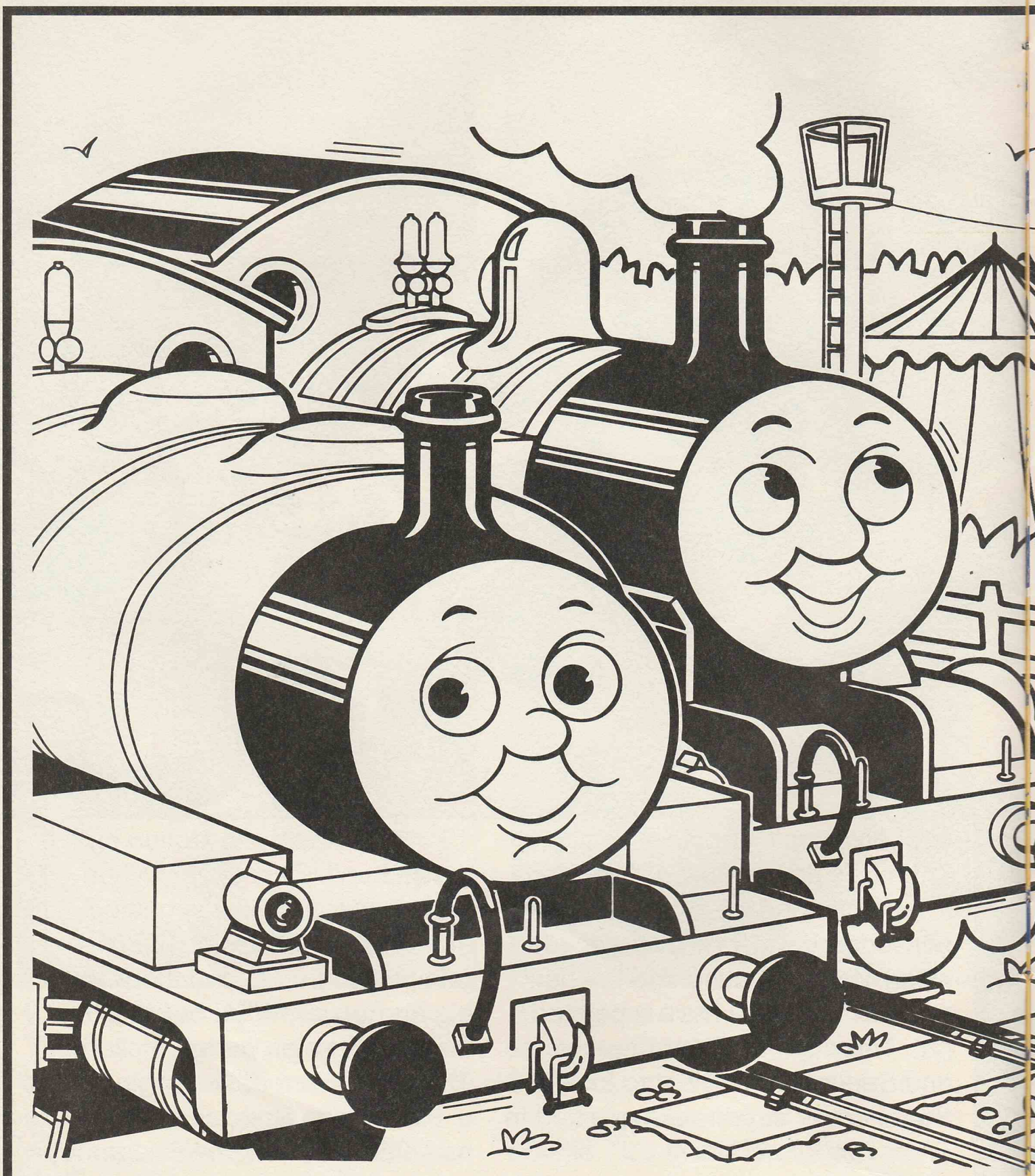

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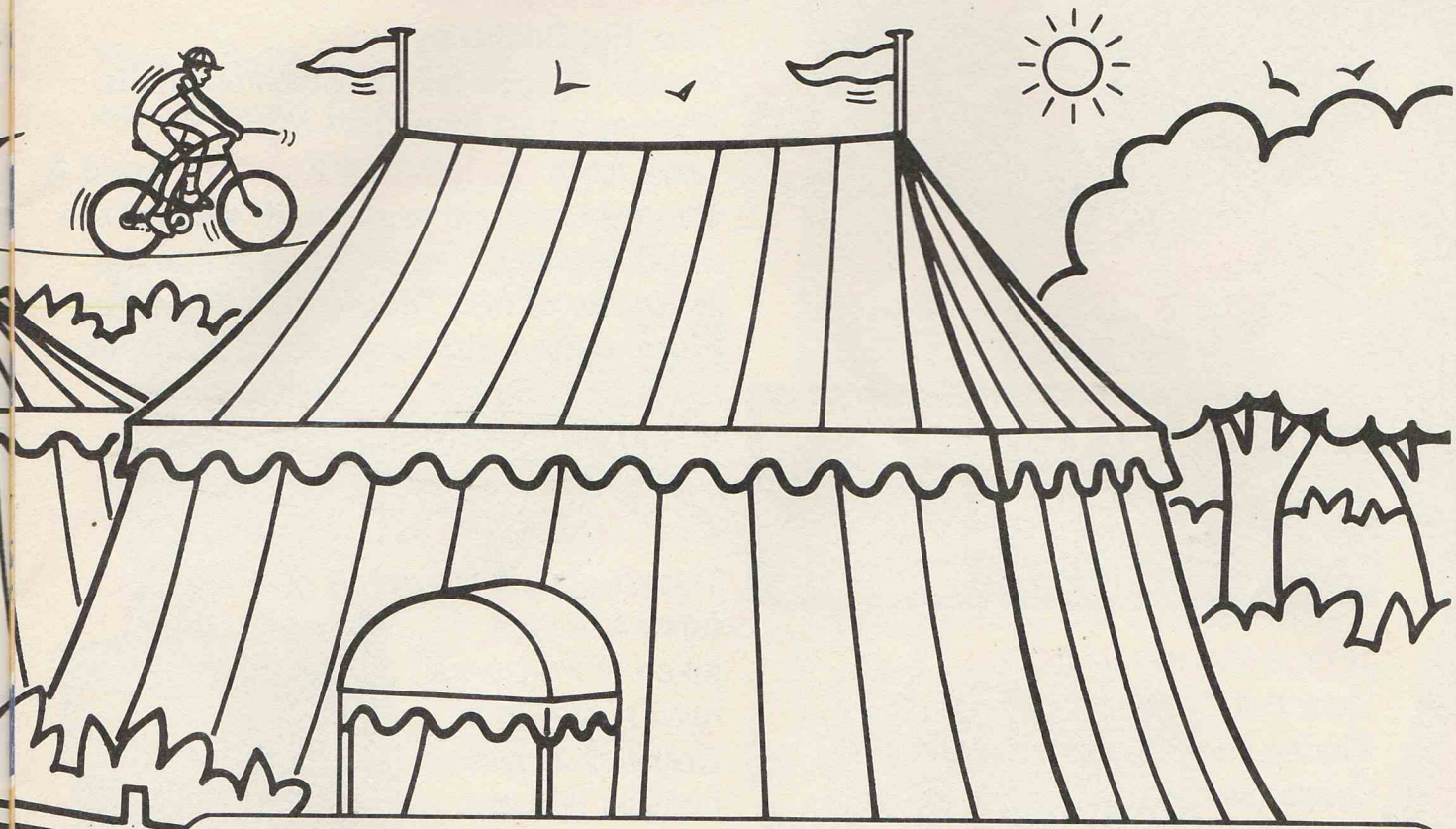

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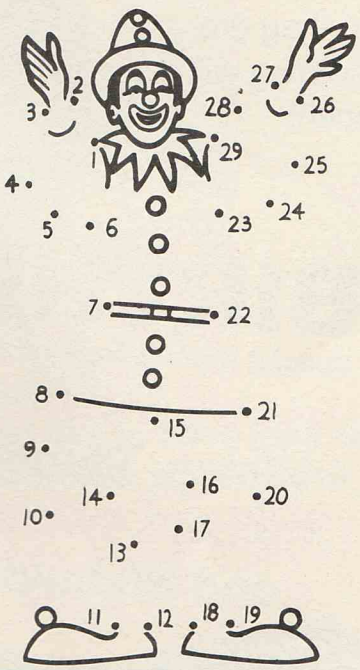
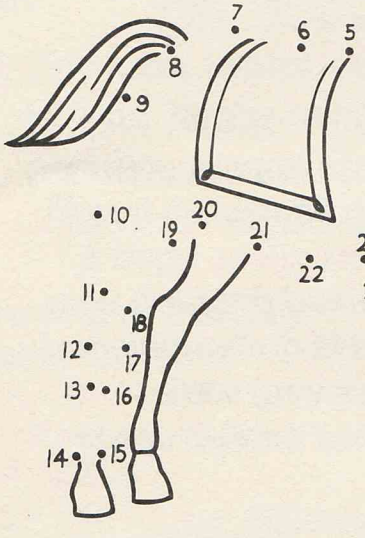
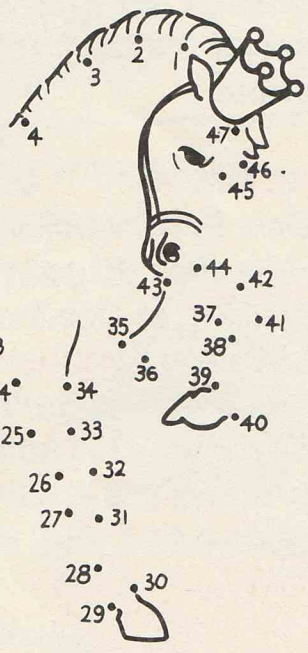






YOUR LETTERS

STAR LETTER!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our STAR LETTER will win one of these Thomas push and pull motorised engines!

A QUESTION OF COAL!

Dear Fat Controller,
Please can you tell me where Toby keeps his coal?
Love from Reuben Underhill, aged 3.
Toby is an old fashioned steam-driven tram engine. He doesn't have a coal bunker, so he keeps his coal in a box inside his cabin!

RE-SPRAY!

Dear Fat Controller,
How often do you have to paint your engines, to stop them from going rusty?
Love from William Hardisty, aged 5.
The engines don't need painting very often, as their paint is quite thick and protects the engines very well. Sometimes they need certain areas touching up, especially if there is something special happening on the Island!

ENGINE FRIENDS!

Dear Fat Controller,
Please can you tell me which engine is Thomas's best friend?
Love from Christopher Zeleznik, aged 4.
Thomas gets on really well with all the engines. However, Percy is a special favourite of his. They are both young engines and although Percy's practical jokes sometimes annoy Thomas, he does find them funny!

PHOTO OF THE FORTNIGHT!

This lovely photograph is of **David Pratt, aged 4.** It was taken at Penzance railway station in Cornwall. David has just had an eye operation, but now David and Thomas both look like they are blooming with health!

BIRTHDAYS

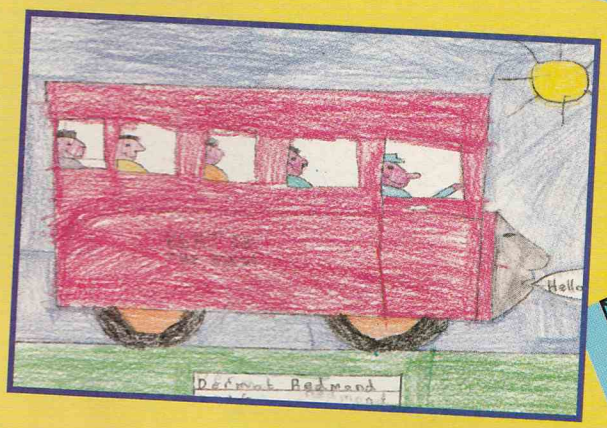
Special wishes, from all the engines, go to:

Robbie Davis, Matthew J. Hislop, Stephen Jermy, Richard William Mason, and Nicholas Merritt.

Drawing Board!

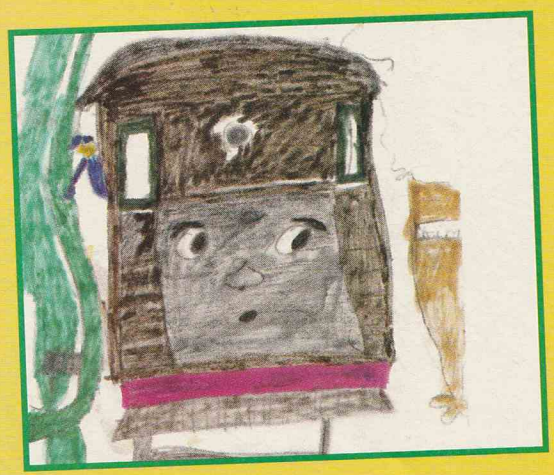
Thank you for sending your smashing drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board!

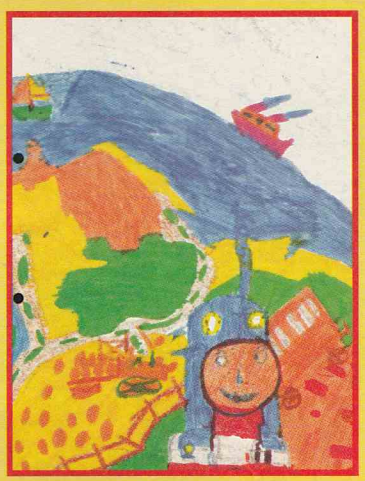
This bright picture of Bertie was drawn by Dermot Redmond, aged 6.



Amanda Kelly, aged 6, sent in this fantastic picture. There's certainly lots happening on the Island!

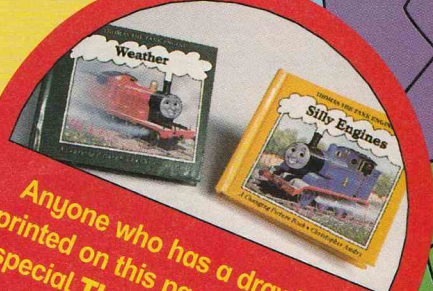
This great picture of Toby was drawn by Adam Speakman, aged 8.





Thomas looks very important in this lively and colourful picture. It was drawn by Nicholas, aged 6.

If you would like to have your drawing or painting displayed, then please send your entries to: The Fat Controller's Drawing Board, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Limited, 13-15 Arundel Street, London, WC2R 3DX.

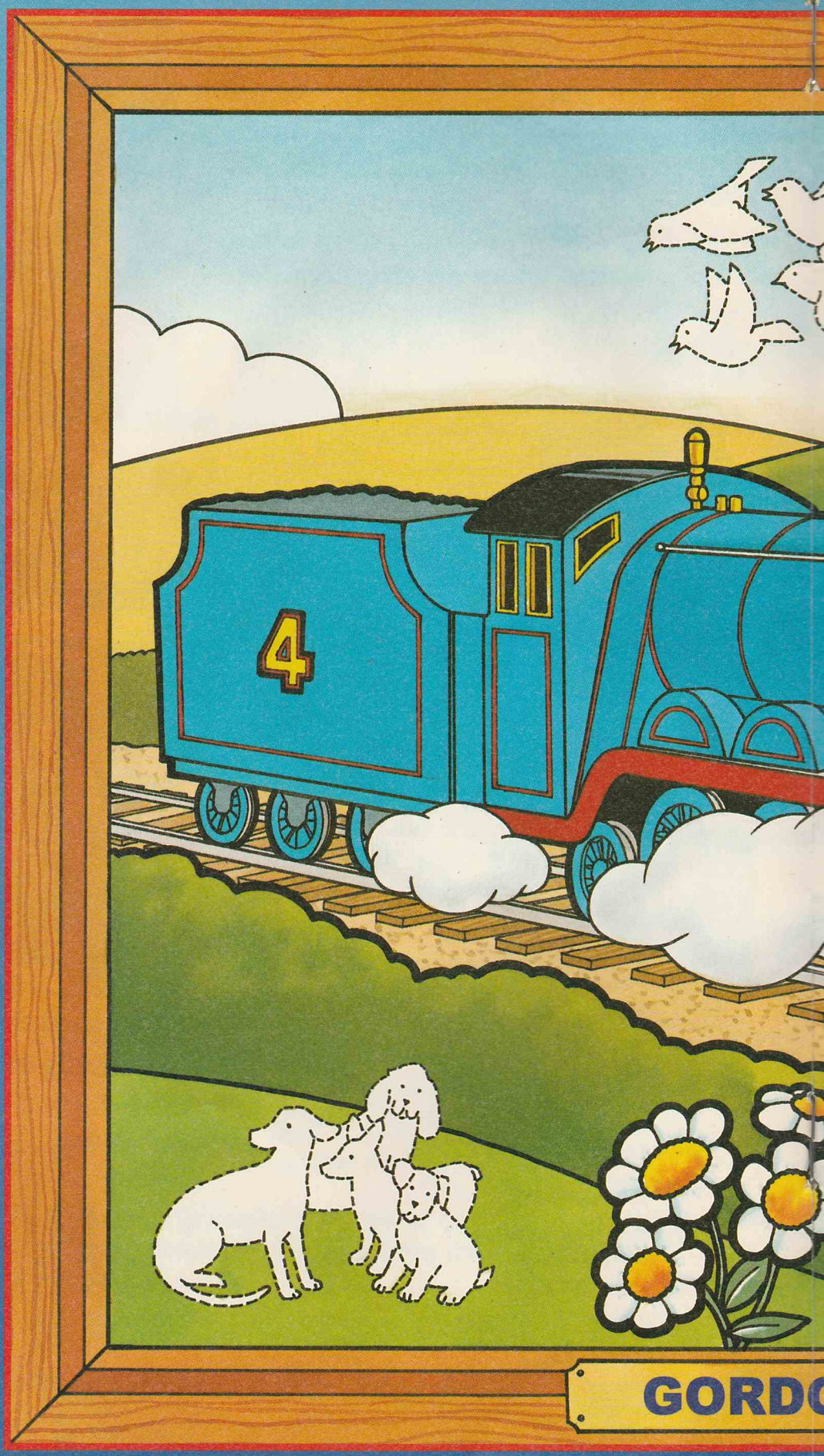


Anyone who has a drawing printed on this page will win a special Thomas Changing Picture Book.

CUT OUT AND KEEP

Number G

Gordon's having a great time in the lovely autumnal weather, but the picture is not quite complete. Have you got your cut-outs from the last issue? If so, stick them on to the page to make a perfect picture! Then cut out the small pictures to the right of the drawing. Keep them in a special place, safe for next issue's Number Gallery!



It's a lovely autumn day,
as fresh as can be,
Look carefully at the
picture, what can
you see?
There are birds flying
high, leaves floating free,
The flowers are so pretty,
can you spot a tree?

What colour is the flag that the guard is waving?

What animal is crawling on the leaf of the flower?

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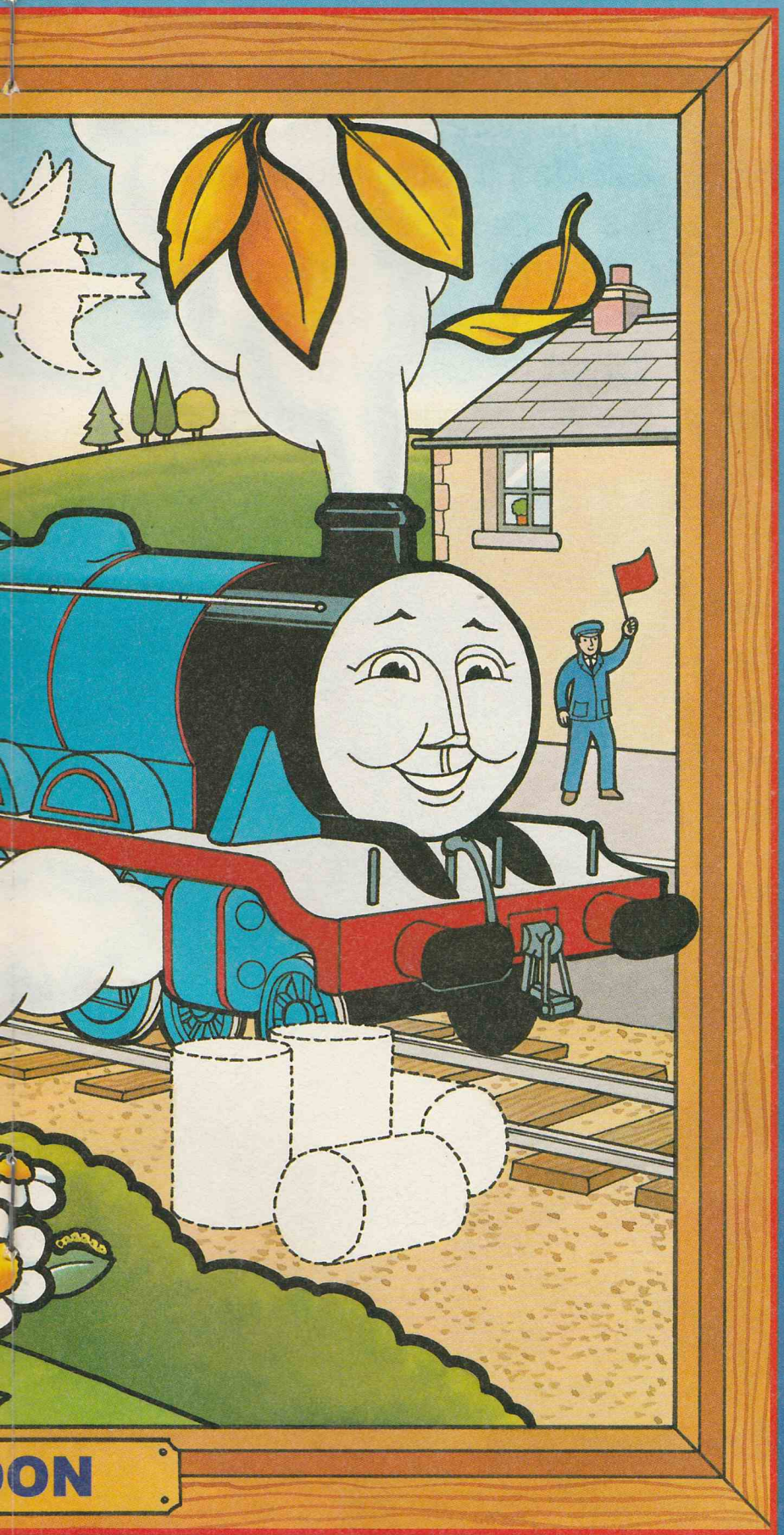
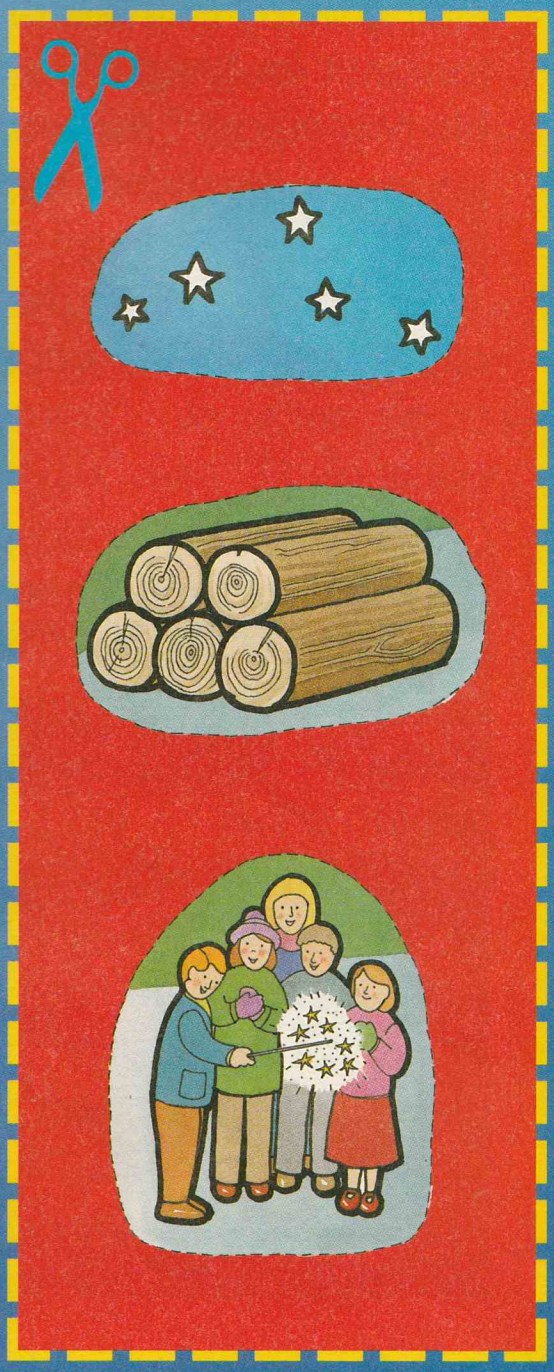




Trick or treat!

Percy and Thomas were shunting trucks in the Main Station, when Diesel rolled into the yard.

"I suppose you two scaredy engines will be hiding away in the shed tonight!" laughed Diesel, in his oily voice. The two young engines looked puzzled.

"It's Hallowe'en night! The night when all the ghosts come out to play!" continued Diesel.

"We're not scaredy engines!" replied Thomas.

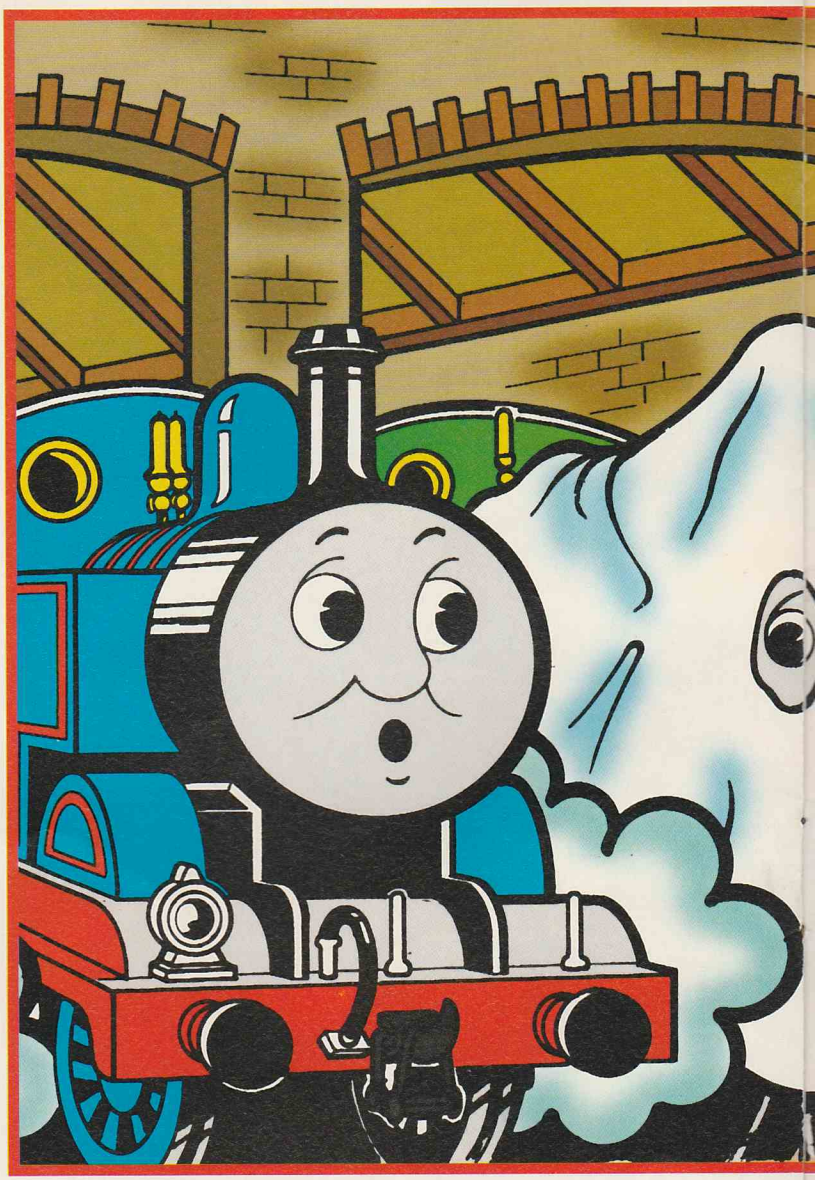
"Anyway, we don't believe in ghosts!" laughed Percy as he entered the engine shed.

Early that evening, Percy was at one of the smaller stations when he noticed some young children and their parents dressed up as ghosts and ghouls.

"They're going trick or treating!" said his driver. Percy thought that it looked like brilliant fun, and decided to play a trick on his friend, Thomas.

"Thomas always likes my jokes!" thought Percy.

When he arrived back at the Main Station, Thomas



hadn't returned yet.

"This is my chance to play my trick!" thought Percy.

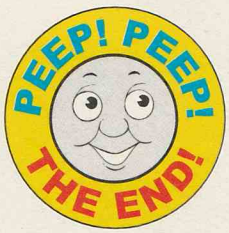
As Percy was taken into the engine shed, he asked his driver to cover him with a white sheet. The full moon shone down and cast shadows in the shed, making Percy look just like a ghost!

When Thomas arrived in the yard, he felt very tired.

"I can't wait to have a good night's sleep!" he sighed. And as he rolled into the shed, he wasn't expecting Percy and his trick.

"Trick or treat!" yelled Percy. Thomas was so scared that he bumped his buffers and almost jumped off the rails, spouting soot and dust all over Percy! Thomas laughed as he realised that Percy's little trick had backfired.

"Well, I guess I'll have a treat!" smiled Thomas, as he settled down for a good night's sleep!



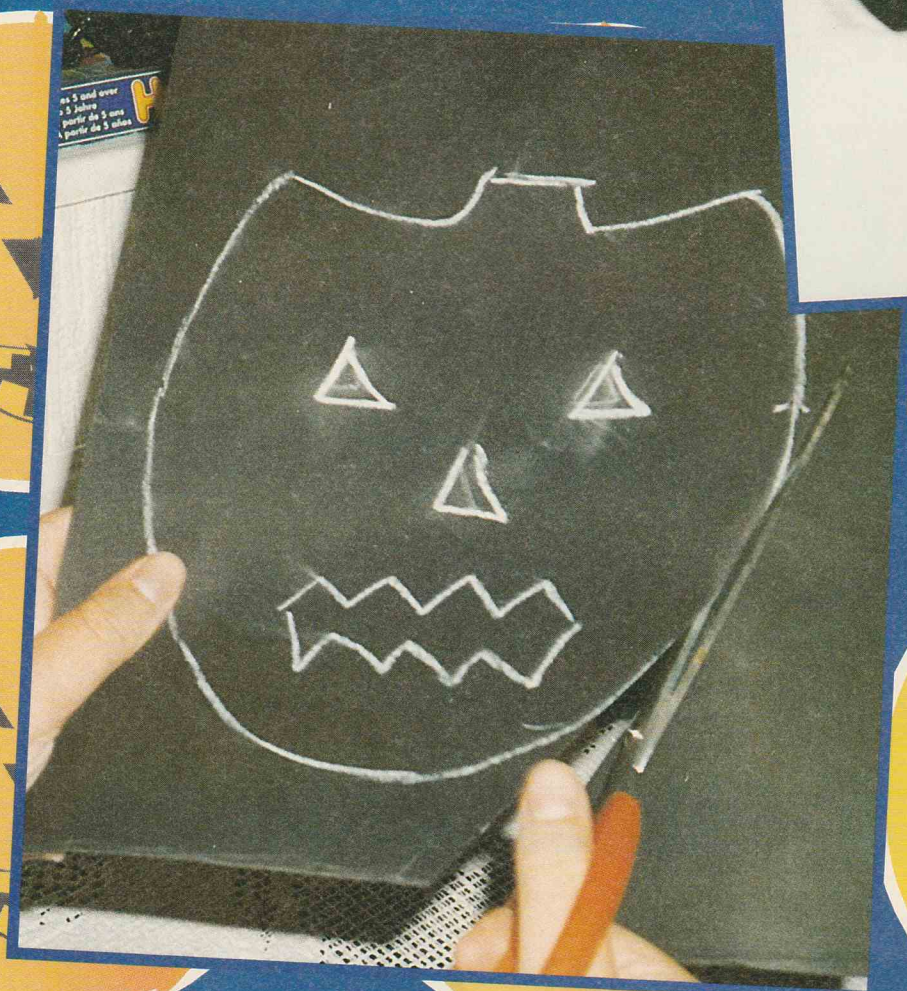
Now for a tricky task, turn the page and make a mask!

Make a marv

We always have a splendid Hallowe'en party, here on the Island of Sodor. Stephen and Bridget came up with this wonderful idea for a special Hallowe'en mask!

You will need:
black card, chalk or a pen, scissors, a garden pea stick or pencil, sellotape, paint, a paintbrush, a black marker pen.

1. Draw the shape which you want your mask to be on the black card. Make sure you include eyes, a nose and a mouth.



2. With the help of an adult, cut out the mask.

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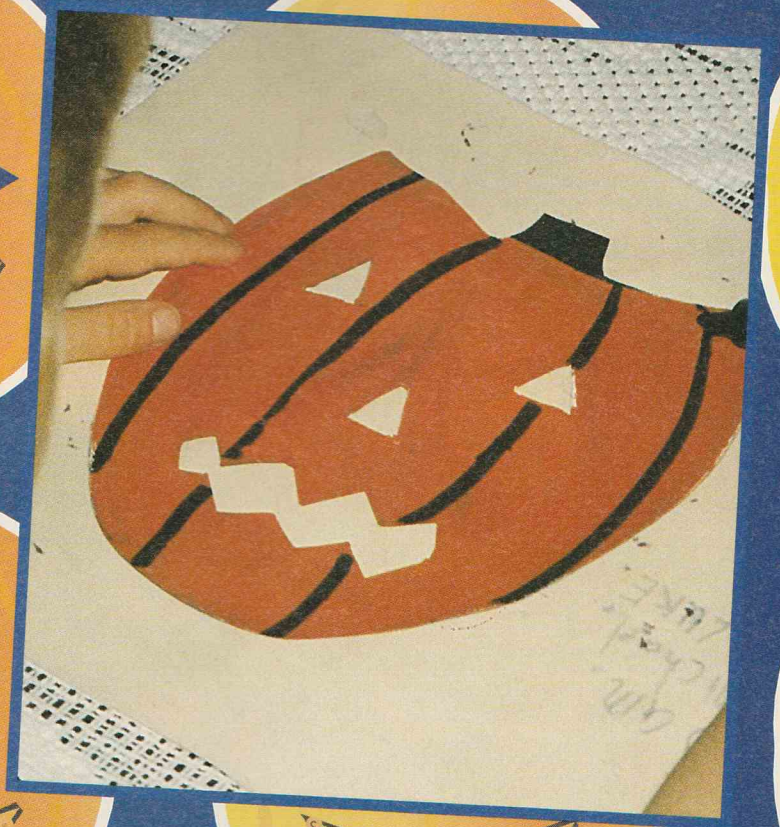
3. Fold the mask in half and cut along the lines for the eyes, nose and mouth. Open the mask out again and sellotape a pea stick, or pencil, to the back of the mask.



4. Paint your mask the colour you want it. When the paint has dried, draw some black lines on the mask with your marker pen. If you want to, add some extra decorations.

5. Finally, cover your face with the mask and have some fun spooking your friends!

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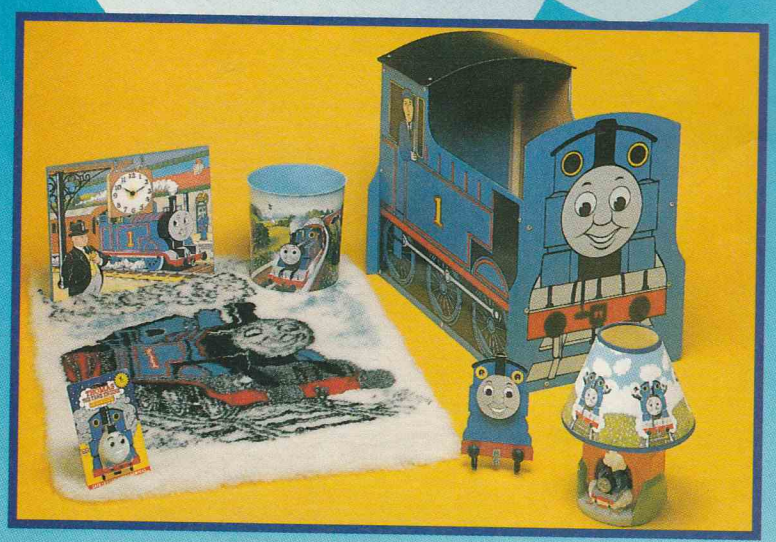

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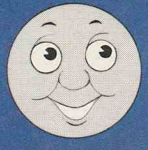
A super poster for you!



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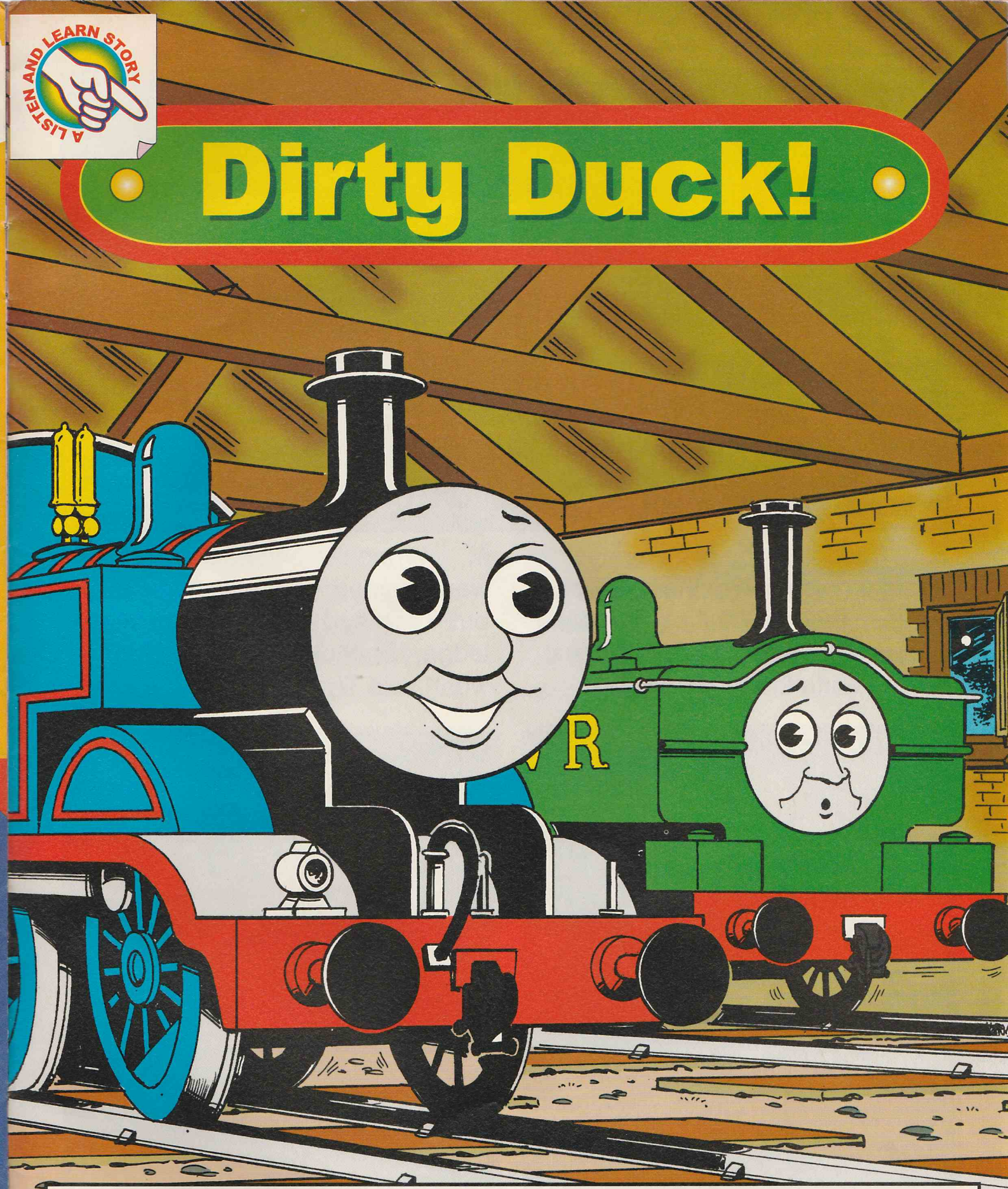
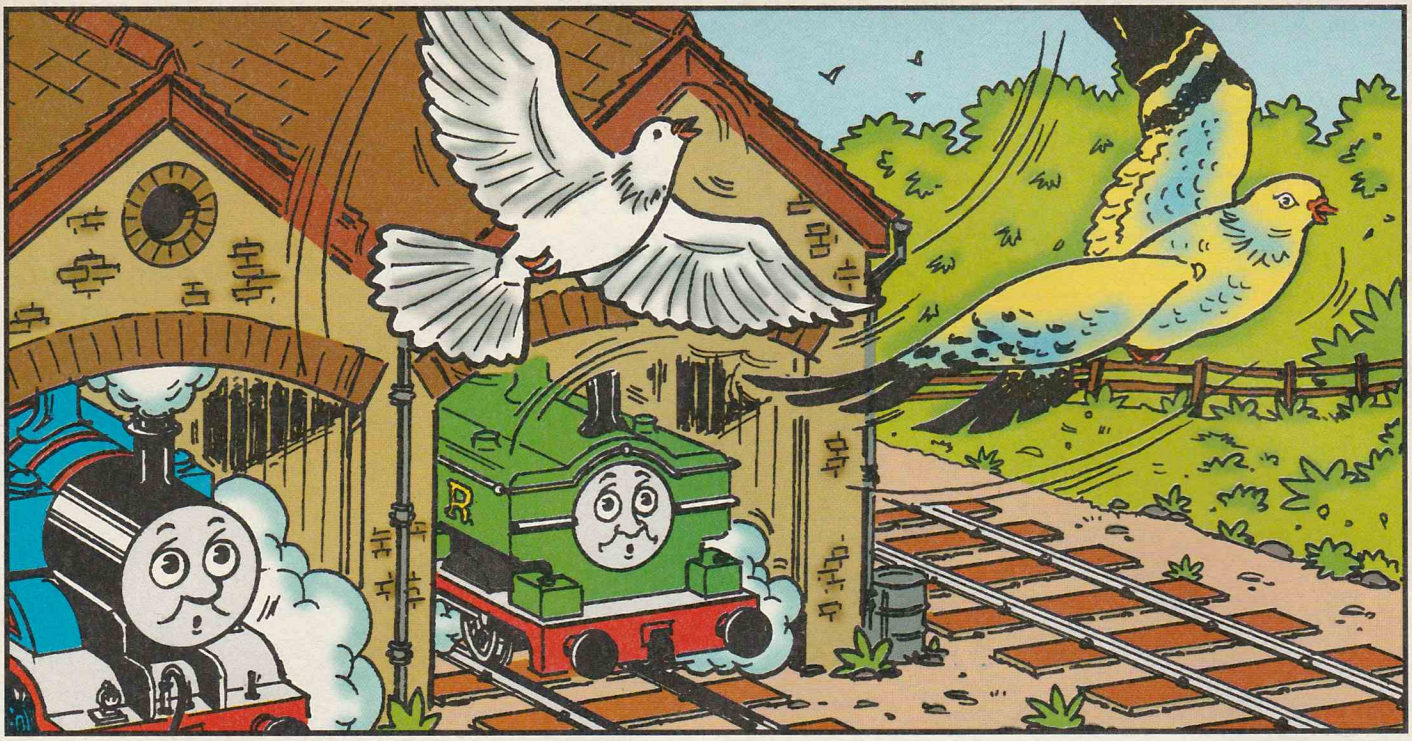


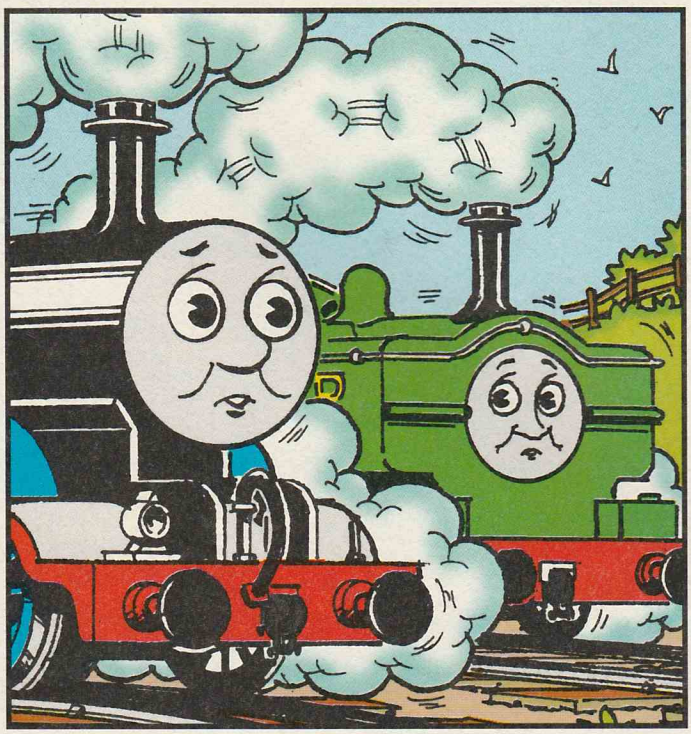
1. One wintry night, when the engines were in their shed, a little window had been left open by mistake. "Brr!" Duck shivered, "there's a draught blowing on me!"

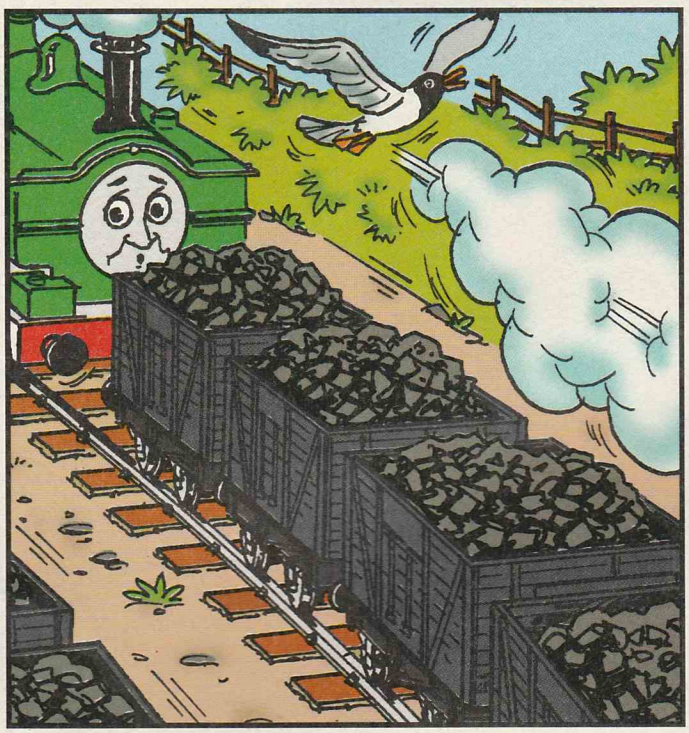
2. "I can feel it," whispered Thomas. He was also too cold to sleep. "Never mind, Duck!" added Thomas. "Our boilers will keep us warm when we start work tomorrow."



3. Suddenly, the two engines heard a noise above them. It was dark, so they couldn't see anything. They had to wait until their drivers arrived early the next morning.

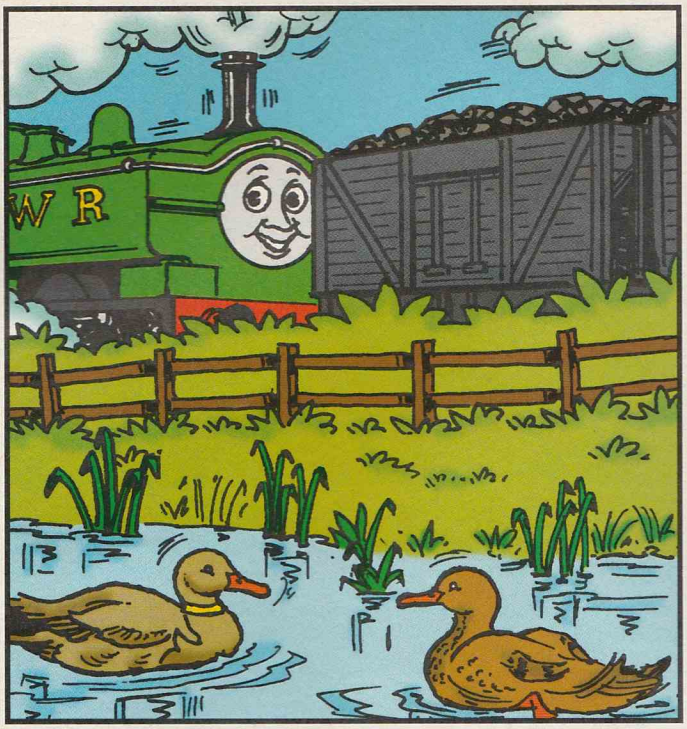
4. When the engine shed doors were opened, two pigeons flew out. They had been roosting on a ledge. "So that's what the noise was!" said Thomas.



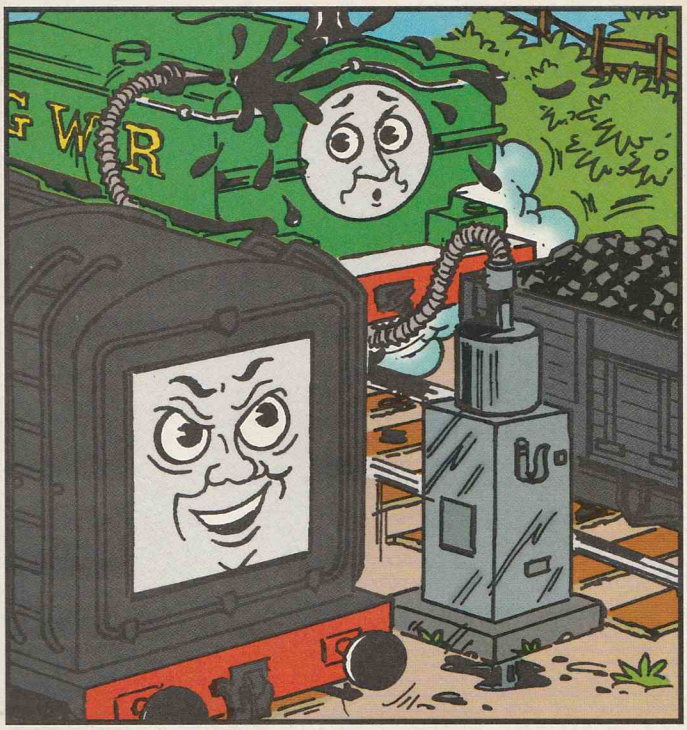


5. "I'm sure those pigeons were nice and cosy last night," yawned Duck. "Birds are lucky! They have feathers to keep them warm. We'll be lucky not to catch a chill!"

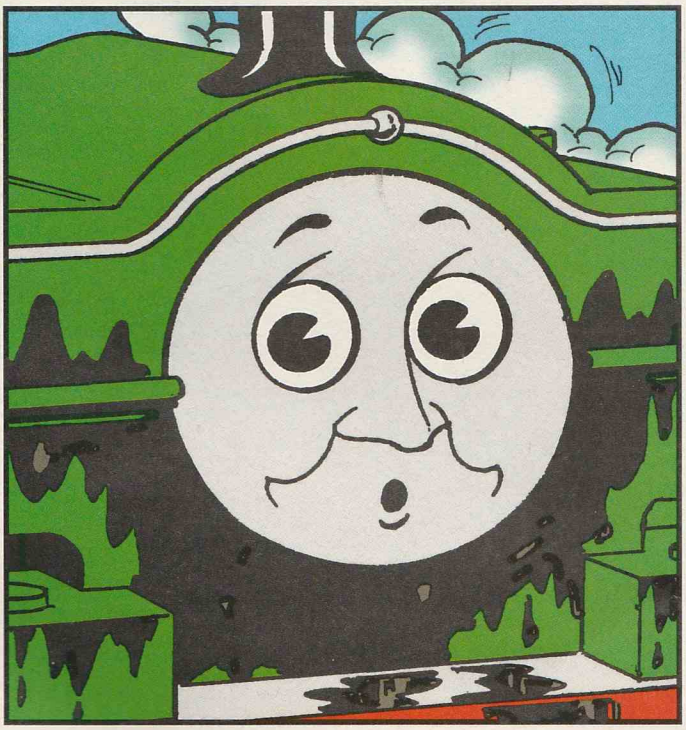
6. Duck and Thomas were coupled to each end of a very long goods train. Together they took it towards the Big Harbour. "Phew! I'm hot now!" puffed Duck.



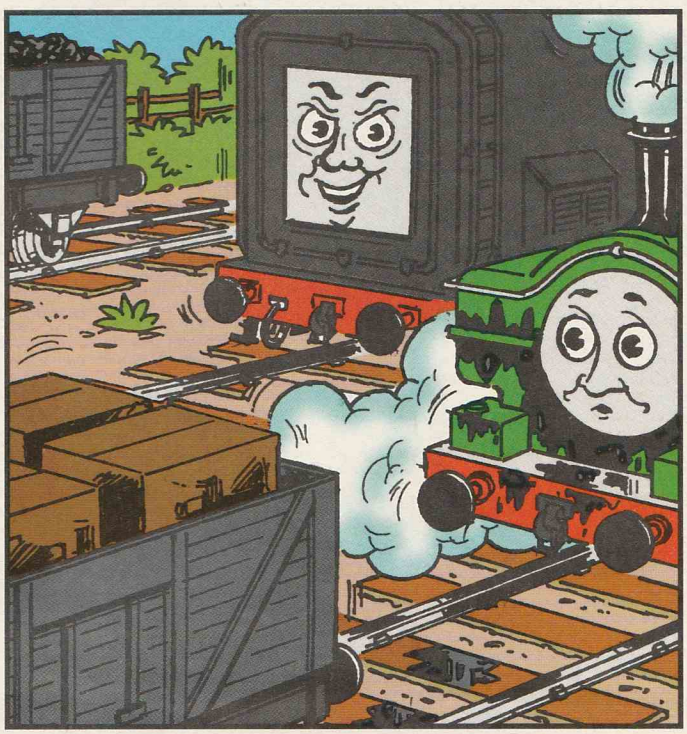
7. The engines passed some ducks near a pond. "Ducks have feathers, too," called Thomas. "I don't!" joked Duck. It was windy when they arrived at the harbour.



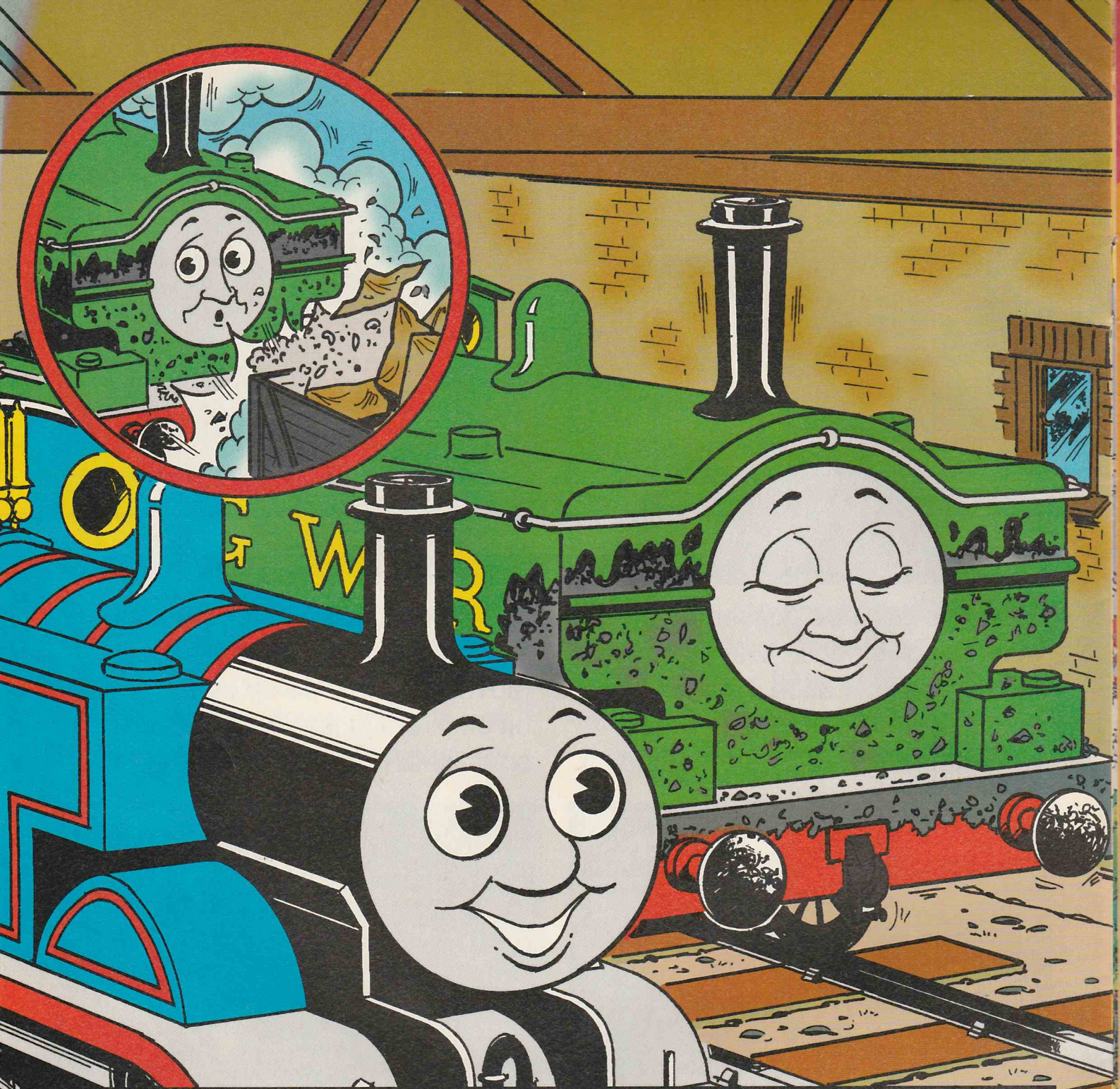
8. Diesel was being refuelled. As Duck went slowly by, Diesel moved so the pipe splashed sticky oil all over Duck. "Ooops! Sorry!" said Diesel, chuckling nastily.



9. "You did that on purpose!" Duck fumed. But he was too busy to be cleaned up straight away. The two engines were uncoupled; they had to collect more trucks.

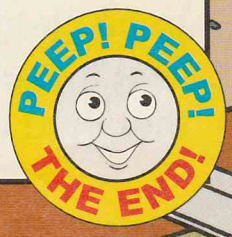


10. "What a dirty Duck!" teased Diesel, unkindly. Duck took no notice. He rolled towards a truck full of boxes. Duck did not see more oil on the track.



11. Duck braked by the trucks. But his wheels slipped on the oily rails. THUD! Duck received a nasty shock and bumped into the last truck. A big box fell out and burst open. It was full of white feathers which the wind blew all over Duck. They stuck to the oil on him. "Those feathers were meant for the pillow factory, not you!" laughed Diesel, in his oily voice.

12. What a sight Duck looked as he returned with Thomas to the Main Station. The other engines stared in surprise. "You'll be washed first thing tomorrow!" the Fat Controller said. That night, in the engine shed, Duck cheered up. "I've feathers to keep me warm, after all!" he said, sleepily. "Like a real duck!" smiled Thomas.



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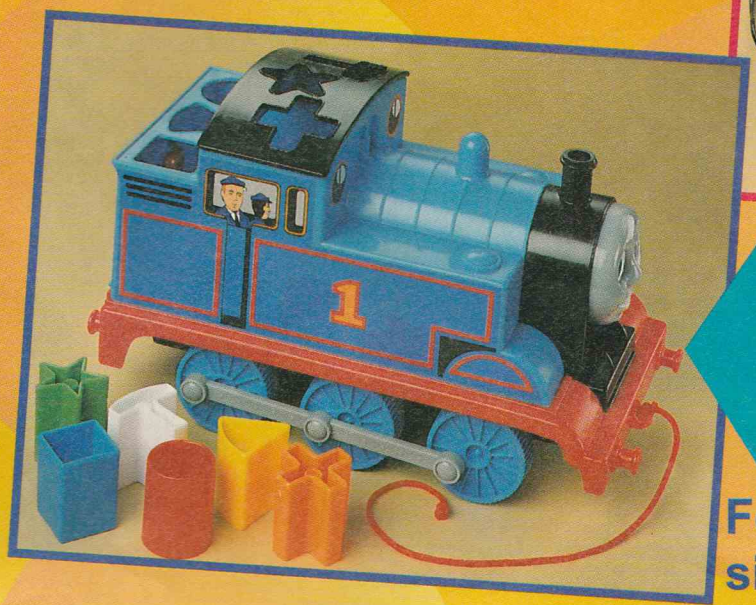

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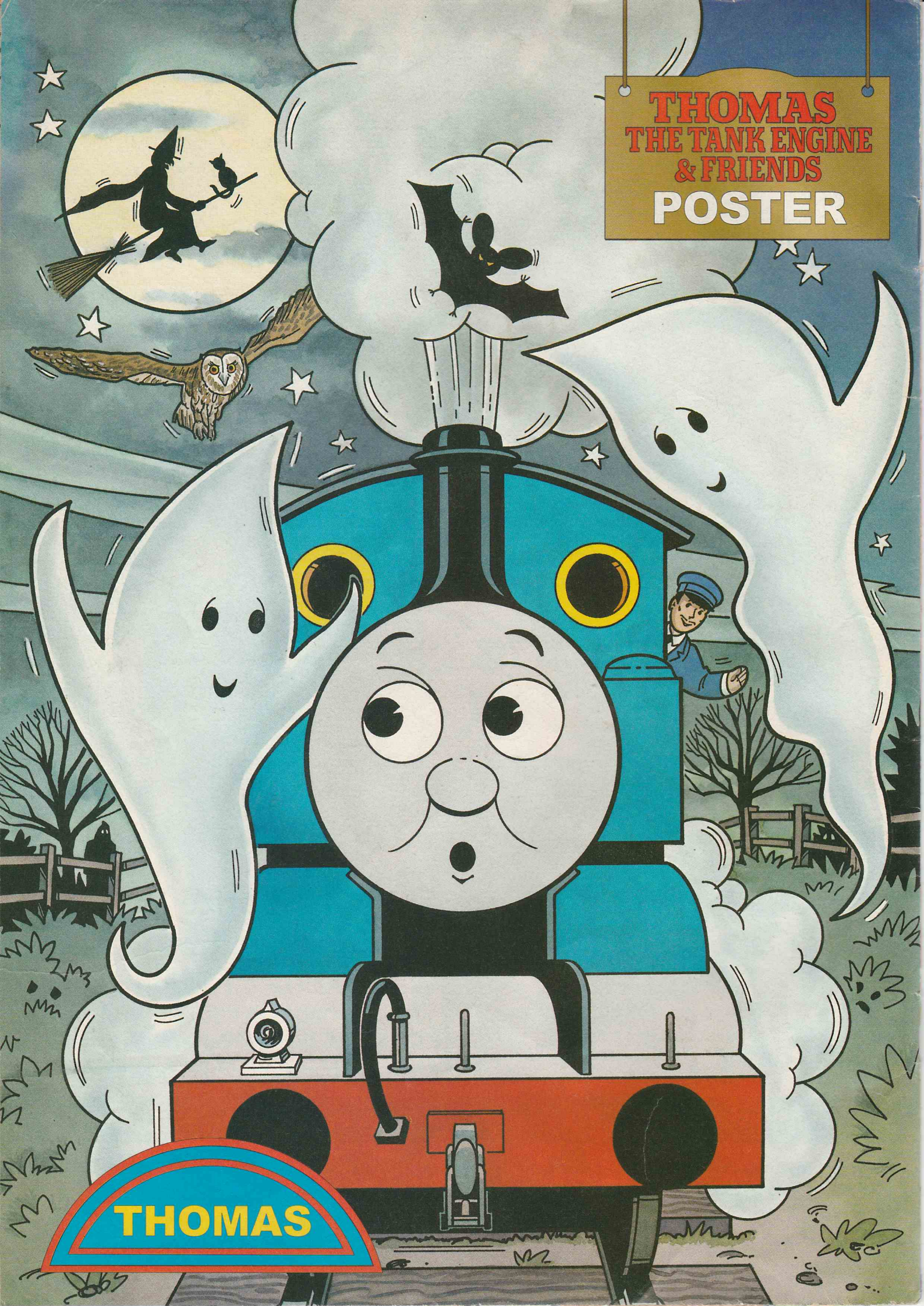
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